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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
7	Transit Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">Modifies description of "One CNG Trolley Bus Project (MPO ID: Tul04-001) for the City of Dinuba in Tulare County. The amendment revises project description form "Purchase one CNG Trolley Bus – 40 foot long" to "One 28 passenger CNG Trolley Bus". This project is funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 7 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types that have been found by TCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. These projects are included and submitted by TCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans

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Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. TCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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